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**Al Franken live and in person**

*Summary: Controversial radio show host and personality Al Franken will host “The Al Franken Show” live and in person in Edson Auditorium on the campus of the University of Minnesota, Morris. The public is invited to attend the Air America Radio broadcast, which will air live from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6.*

(September 22, 2006)-Controversial radio show host and personality Al Franken will host “The Al Franken Show” live and in person in Edson Auditorium on the campus of the University of Minnesota, Morris. The public is invited to attend the Air America Radio broadcast, which will air live from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6. This free event is hosted by the Campus Activities Council Convocations Committee and the Student DFL, both UMM student organizations. A booksigning, also in Edson Auditorium, will follow the radio show.

Doors to Edson Auditorium will open one-half hour prior to the beginning of the broadcast. Tickets are not necessary in order to attend this event.

According to online publicity for the program, “...Franken delivers three hours a day of fearlessly irreverent commentary, comedy and interviews.”

"As a part of our culture of involvement at UMM, Al Franken's visit is one of many speakers student organizations will host this year who will explore issues from different viewpoints," said Dave Swenson, director of student activities at UMM. "We are looking forward to hearing a wide spectrum of political viewpoints in the year ahead," added Swenson.

Franken is an Emmy Award-winning television writer and producer, NY Times bestselling author and Grammy-winning comedian. Franken was part of the original writing staff that created “Saturday Night Live” in 1975. Franken remained with the original show until 1980 and then returned in 1985. He stayed for another 10 years, leaving after the 1994-95 season.

He has entertained America's troops with the USO since 1999, including tours of Bosnia, Kosovo, Afghanistan, Kuwait and Iraq.

Franken's newest book, *The Truth (with Jokes)*, debuted at number one on the N.Y. Times bestseller list when it was published in October 2005.

Franken grew up in Minnesota. He has been married to his wife, Franni, for 29 years and they have two children. They have recently moved back to Minneapolis from New York City.

The views expressed by visiting speakers do not necessarily reflect the views of the Regents of the University of Minnesota, the University of Minnesota, Morris students, staff or faculty, the UMM Convocations Committee or the Student DFL.

To hear audio highlights of "The AI Franken Show" visit [Air America Radio](#).

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